

Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

Rev. James M. Cox, D.D., President

IN 1877 Miss Helen M. Perkins, under the direction of the Freedmen's Aid Society, opened a school with eleven students in a small building in Little Rock, Ark. The school was named Walden Seminary, in honor of Rev. Dr. (now Bishop) John M. Walden, of Cincinnati, for many years a leader in the Society's work. Within two years the school was moved to Wesley Chapel, the first church built in Arkansas for Negroes.

The first building, a handsome brick structure, the south wing of the present main structure, was erected in 1883. The school was then named in honor of Philander Smith, of Oak Park, Ill., whose family gave \$10,000 toward the erection of the building. The family of Mr. Smith have continued in generous giving, their contributions aggregating more than \$25,000. The main building is now called Budlong Hall, in honor of Mr. Budlong, of Rockford, Ill., who contributed largely for its completion.

The recitation rooms, the chapel, offices, the library with 4,000 volumes, the dining room and the kitchen occupy the first two floors and a part of the third. The remainder of the third, and the fourth story, is used as a girls' dormitory.

Arter Hall, named for Mr. F. A. Arter, Cleveland, Ohio, is to be a five-story building for boys, and for recitations and industries. The Epworth Leagues of Arkansas and other friends are raising the money for its erection. The foundation has been laid.

More than seven thousand young men and young women have received instruction in Philander Smith College. Of the sixteen hundred public school teachers in Arkansas, more than

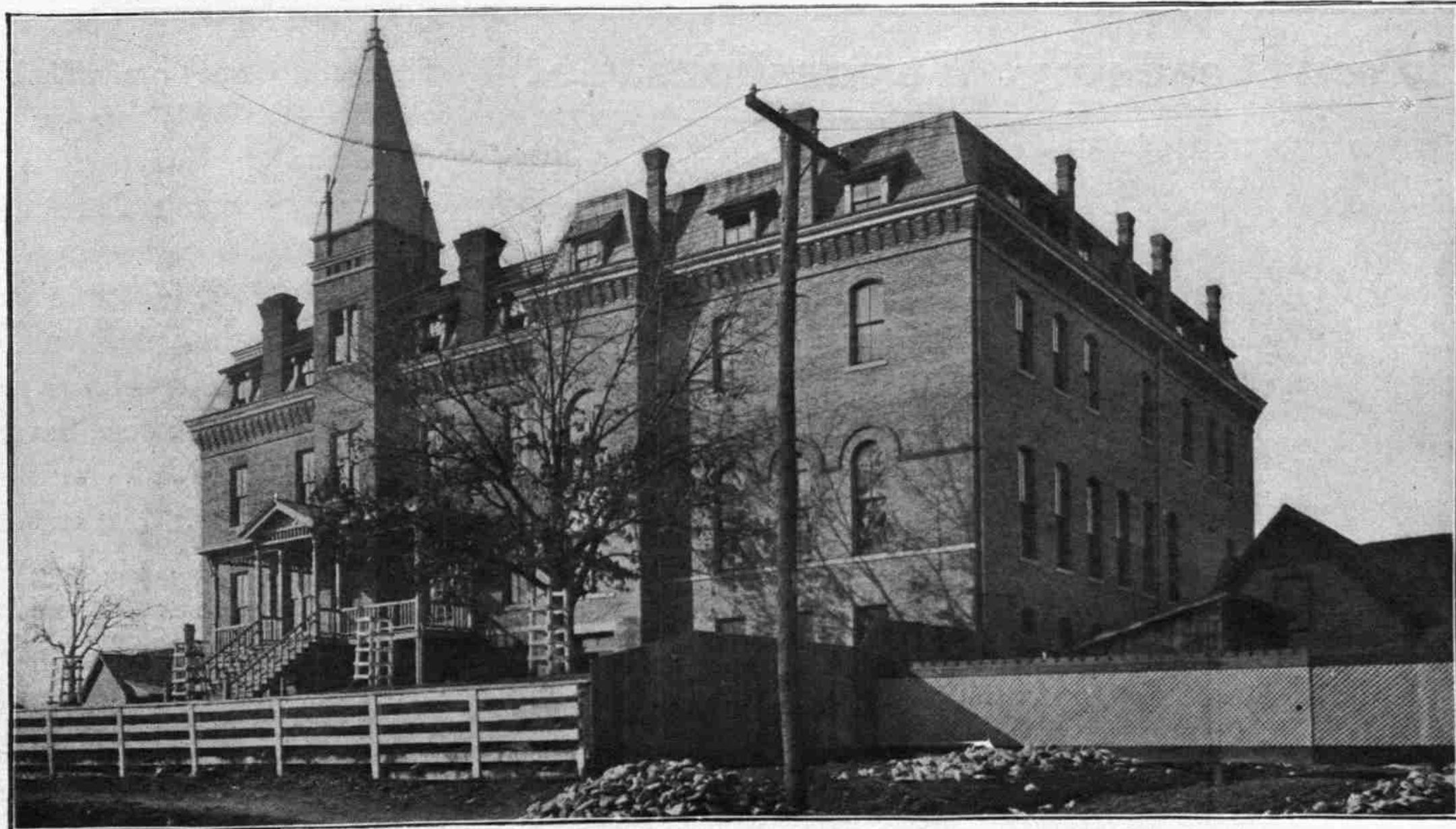
one-half received a part or all of their training in this school. Two hundred and twenty students have graduated from the literary courses. In 1908 the enrollment was 23 teachers, 677 students, and 16 studying for the ministry. Of the 75 counties in Arkansas, 47 are represented, in addition to students from 12 states.

The courses of study include college, normal, English, musical, commercial, and industrial. There is also a class in theology. The annual expenses are \$16,000. Students paid \$5,500 for board and tuition in 1907-8, the Freedmen's Aid Society contributed \$3,200, and the balance was received from friends. Property value, \$54,000.



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The Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home, located opposite the college, is the property of the Methodist Woman's Home Missionary Society. Erected by Mrs. Philander Smith, in 1884.



BUDLONG HALL, PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Equipped for training girls in domestic science. The superintendent, Mrs. H. M. Naysmith, has served fourteen years.